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Kernan Tabs Murphy as Commerce's Deputy Executive Director for Program Operations

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan today named Bob Murphy deputy executive director for Program Operations as a part of the Indiana Department of Commerce's ongoing modernization efforts.

Currently serving as director of the Business Development Division, Murphy has been with the department since 1998. In his new role, Murphy will oversee Commerce's program operations team, which includes the newly reorganized economic development, community development and regional operations divisions.

"Bob brings a strong mix of private and public sector experience to this position, which will be critical to the overall success of our new approach," said Kernan, who serves as director of the department. "He knows how economic and community development work, he knows how Commerce functions and he understands the role we, at the state level, should play. We are excited to have Bob in this new position and look forward to his leadership as we move forward."

As the director of the Business Development Division, Murphy oversaw Commerce's business retention and attraction efforts and served on the internal Commerce team that crafted the department's reorganization.

"I appreciate having this chance to be a part of putting our research and planning work into action," said Murphy. "Being involved in the implementation of the regional concept and in developing coordinated and focused support that brings all of the capabilities and strengths of the Department of Commerce together for meaningful economic and community development progress is particularly challenging and exciting, and I thank Lt. Governor Kernan for the opportunity."

Prior to joining Commerce, Murphy held executive positions at Anchor Glass Container Corp. in Tampa, Fla., and Chicago, Ill., where he managed the company's nationwide and worldwide sales and sales support efforts. Murphy also served as vice president of sales for Diamond-Bathurst in Indianapolis and then as Diamond-Bathurst's corporate vice president and general sales manager in Pennsylvania. A graduate of Boston College, Murphy also served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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